

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Hisao Furukawa
Title: STEREO IMAGE PROCESSING
APPARATUS AND METHOD
OF PROCESSING STEREO
IMAGE
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
FOR UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the present Utility Patent Application, Applicant respectfully requests that the above-identified application be amended as follows:

In the Claims:

3. (Amended) The stereo image processing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:
image storing means for storing said image data.

Please add the following new claim

72. (Amended) The stereo image processing apparatus according to claim 2, further comprising:
image storing means for storing said image data.

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests that the foregoing amendments be made prior to examination of the present application. The amendment to the claims is being made to remove the multiple dependency of claim 3.

Action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: November 8, 2001

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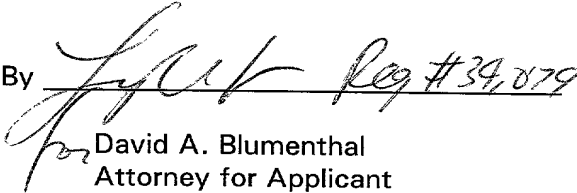


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3. (Amended) The stereo image processing apparatus according to claim 1 [or 2], further comprising:
image storing means for storing said image data.